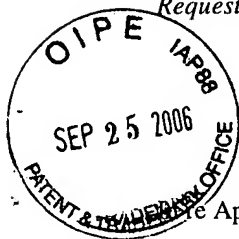


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Request for Continued Examination

Atty. Docket No. 575.040



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Continuation Application of : Paul Slovick  
Serial No. : 10/642,966 Examiner : T. Mai  
Filed : August 18, 2003 Group Art Unit : 3727  
For : SPARE TIRE CARRIER

HON. COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in the above-identified application.

1.

Extension of Time

- ☐ No extension of time is needed.
- ☒ Applicant requests an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action. A Petition for an extension of time is enclosed.
- ☐ In the event that an extension of time is required, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.8(a)

I hereby certify that this correspondence and any documents referred to as enclosed therewith are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail, addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450 on September 11, 2006.

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2. **Submission Required Under 37 CFR 1.114**

- ☐ Previously submitted  
☐ Please enter the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.  
☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.  
☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_.  
  
☒ Enclosed  
☒ Amendment/Reply  
☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)  
☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)  
☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_.

3. **Miscellaneous**

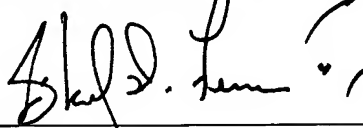
- ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months.  
  
☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_.

4. **Fees**

- ☐ Applicant encloses herewith a check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ to cover the RCE fee.  
  
☒ Submitted herewith is a completed Credit Card Payment Form. Please charge the credit card identified thereon in the amount of \$395.00 to cover the RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e).  
  
☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to the credit card identified in the accompanying Credit Card Payment Form.

Respectfully submitted,

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